

Clark County Coroner
1704 Pinto Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89106
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AUTOPSY REPORT

Case Number: [REDACTED]

October 2, 2017

POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF



Date of death: October 2, 2017 at 0545 hours

Date of examination: October 2, 2017 at 2120 hours

IDENTIFICATION: The body is identified by a tag on the right great toe bearing the decedent's name and case number.

WITNESSES: Assisting is Forensic Technician Suzanne. There are no outside observers.

CLOTHING: The body is unclad when initially viewed. A pair of blue jeans, boxers, shoes and socks accompany the body.

EVIDENCE OF MEDICAL THERAPY: None.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION

Injuries are described in a separate section below.

GENERAL: The body is that of a normally developed, well-nourished, [REDACTED] male appearing consistent with the listed age of [REDACTED] years. The length is 64 inches, and the weight is 198 pounds as received. The body is well preserved, cold, and has not been embalmed. Rigidity is fully developed in the jaw and extremities. Lividity is pink-purple, non-blanching, and in a posterior distribution.

HEAD: The scalp is closely shaved with brown hair measuring less than 1/16 inch on the top of the head. There is a beard and mustache on the face. The ears are normally formed and without drainage. The earlobes are pierced. The irides are blue, the corneas are clear, and the bulbar and palpebral conjunctivae free of petechiae. The sclerae are white. The nose is intact, and the nares are unobstructed. The lips are normally formed. The teeth are natural and in good condition.

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NECK: The neck is symmetrical and without injury.

CHEST AND ABDOMEN: The chest is normally formed, symmetrical, and without palpable masses. The abdomen is flat and soft. No masses are palpable.

EXTERNAL GENITALIA: The external genitalia are those of a circumcised adult male with both testes palpable in the scrotum.

BACK: The back is straight and symmetrical. The anus is atraumatic.

ARMS: The arms are normally formed. No needle punctures, track marks, or ventral wrist scars are seen. The fingernails are trimmed short and are clean.

LEGS: The legs are normally formed and without edema, amputation, or deformity. The toenails are trimmed short and are clean.

BODY MARKINGS (SCARS AND TATTOOS):

Scars: None identified.

Tattoos: There are numerous monochromatic and multicolored tattoos of the torso, upper extremities and neck. They are photographed for identification purposes.

EXTERNAL EVIDENCE OF INJURY

There is a penetrating gunshot wound of the chest. Directions are stated with reference to standard anatomic positions.

PENETRATING GUNSHOT WOUND OF CHEST:

ENTRANCE: There is an entrance gunshot wound on the left upper chest. It is centered 12-3/4 inches below the top of the head and 3-3/4 inches left of midline. It is a 1/8 inch diameter defect with a 1/16 inch rim of abrasion. There is drying artifact of the edges. There is no soot or stippling on the adjacent skin.

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PROJECTILE/SITE OF LODGEMENT: Several small gray metallic fragments are recovered from the subcutaneous tissue of the left back.

DIRECTION: Front-to-back and downward.

SPECIMENS RETAINED

TOXICOLOGY: Peripheral blood and vitreous humor are retained for toxicology. Toxicological testing detected ethanol (0.126 g/100mL).

HISTOLOGY: No tissue is retained.

PHOTOGRAPHS: Digital identification photographs, overall external body photographs, and photographs of injuries and projectile fragments are taken.


RADIOGRAPHS: Full body radiographs are taken and show metallic projectile fragments in the left side of the chest.

OPINION

Based on the examination findings and the circumstances surrounding the death, as currently understood, the cause of death is gunshot wound of chest, and the manner of death is Homicide.

CAUSE OF DEATH: This [REDACTED]-year-old [REDACTED] male, [REDACTED], died as a result of a gunshot wound of the chest.

MANNER OF DEATH: HOMICIDE.



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